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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that the e are three persons in the God head-the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Tes aments is the

Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election, and the doctrine of original sin, and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that God's elect shall be cal'ed, regenerated and sanctifie l'hy the Holy Spirit, and that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

6. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are only subjects of the ordinances, and that

the true mode of baptism is immersion.

7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of

the righteous will be eternal.

8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as have been called of God. as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE-

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Eagle Creek Baptist Church, Tallapoosa Co., Ala.,

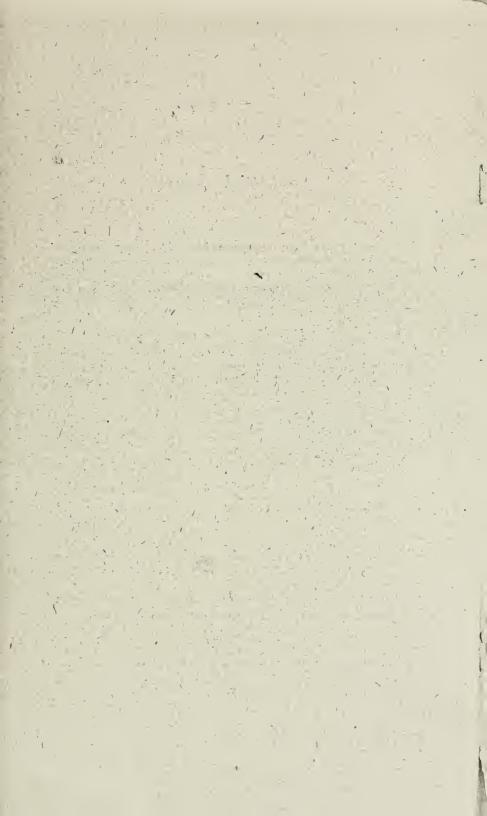
October 9, 10 and 11, 1894.

OFFICERS.

REV. J. P. SHAFFER, Moderator.............Dadeville, Ala. REV. W. C BLEDSOE, Sec'y and Treas'r.....LaFayette, "

The next session will be held with the Farmville Church,
Lee County, Ala., beginning on Tuesday after the first
Sunday in October, 1895. Rev. A. S. Smith to
preach the Introductory Sermon;
Rev. J. L. Gregory, alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS.

EAGLE CREEK CHURCH, TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALA., OCT. 9, 1894.

- 1. The East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in fifty-ninth annual session with the Eagle Creek Baptist Church, Tallapoosa Co., Ala., on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1894.
- The Annual Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m., by Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer. Theme: "Salvation by Grace."

TUESDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

- 3. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, and after devotional exercises, the letters from the churches were collected, read, and the following delegates enrolled:
 - Antioch—J. S. Wooddy, R. Lovelace.
 Beulah—G. W. Hunt.

3. Bethlehem-A. C. Bennett, W. Freeman. 4. Bethel, Lee—B. M. Ware, W. R. Rogers. 5. Bethel, Chambers—T. N. Jones.

Cusseta—J. B. Barrow.

7. T. C. Key, J. W. Foster, J. E. Gilliland.

- 8. County Line-J. M. Langley, W. G. Jarrell, L. L. Tebon, J. C. Talbot, I. T. Talbot.
- 9. Camp Hill—W. R. Dawson, J. P. Seroyer, J. H. Mayne, J. C. Jester. 10 Dadeville—Jas. Johnson, W. H. Payne, Jos. H. Johnson, H. W. Freeman, W. C. McIntosh.

11. Eagle Creek-G. W. Adair, U. D. Smith, J. T. Coker, H. T. King, Y. W. Freeman.

- 12. Fellowship, Tallapoosa—W. H. Shepherd, H. S. Smith, H. McCoy, T. J. Jennings.
 - 13. Fellowship, Randolph-J. H. Bradshaw.

14. Farmville—J. H. Cooper, R. Neighbors.
15. Five Points—J. M. Jackson.
16. High Pine—E. L. Pool, W. P. East.
17. Liberty—F. M. Handley, W. R. Rotton.

- 17. Indetty—F. M. Handrey, W. R. Dotton.
 18. La Fayette—J. D. Abernathy, L. Cunningham, L. D. Askew.
 19. Langdale—W. G. Phillips.
 20. Lebanon—T. J. Gardner, W. F. Pless, G. P. Pollard, C. A. Pless.
 21. Mary—C. B. Pool, J. A. Slaughter, W. Slaughter.
 22. Mt. Zion—A. F. Duffy, J. E. McGlaughan, W. C. McEachern.
 23. Milltown—J. M. Rotton, J. W. Brooks, G. Leverett, W. M. David, J. Denney. L. Denney.
 - 24. New Hope—M. V. Maley, W. W. Cofield, B. F. Anderson. 25. Providence—R. I. Howell, J. L. Barrow.

- 26. Pleasant Ridge—W. C. Roeck.
 27. Roanoke—G. W. Hill, W. H. Stewart.
- 28. Rock Springs, Chambers-G. W. Newman, W. F. Abernathy, W. W. Still.
 - 29. Rock Springs, Tallapoosa—A. C. Duffy, J. R. Pritchet.
 - 30. Rock Mills-Jas. Walker.
 - 31. Shiloh-J. D. Leverett.

32. Sandy Creek-T. D. Lunceford, J. T. Fargarson, N. G. Brazill, J. W. Slaughter.

Tallapoosa-J. W. Hawthorn, Chas. Henderson, James Gregory.

33. Tallapoosa—J. W. Hawth 34. Waverly—W. E. Shealey.

- Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, of Dadeville, Ala., was re-elected Moderator, and Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of La Fayette, Ala., was re-elected Secretary and Treasnrer, both by acclamation.
- 5. A letter was presented from Fellowship Baptist Church, Randolph County, Ala., asking to be received into the Association, and was on motion received; the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to the delegate.
 - 6. Correspondents were received:

From Central Association-Rev. G. E. Brewer. From Tuskegee Association-Rev. G. S. Anderson. From Western (Ga.)—Rev. E. C. Smith.

- 7. The Moderator announced the following committees to report at this session:
 - On Finance—W. R. Dawson, Ch'n; F M. Handley, W. G. Jarrell. On Nominations—W. C. Roeck, Ch'n; I. T. Talbot, G. W. Hill.

On Religious Services-Pastor and delegates Eagle Creek.

8. On motion, adjourned to 8:30 a.m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. G. L. Gregory.

WEDNESDAY, 8:30 A M.

- The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and devotional exercises were led by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer and Rev. J. P. Hunter.
- Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and Rev. W. A. Whittle, Vice President of Howard College, were received and cordially welcomed. Bro. Whittle also was duly recognized as representing the Baptist Orphan's Home.
- 11. Reports of standing committees were called for and the following were read:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Baptists of Alabama are asked to sustain by their sympathy, prayers and money, the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Without an intelligent conception of the magnitude and importance of that work, we cannot hope that our people will give such cooperation as its magnitude demands. The object of this report, therefore, is to present as briefly as possible, facts and figures gathered from the last report of the Foreign Mission Board reviewing the work for the year ending April

Our Papal Missions embrace Italy, Brazil and Mexico. Bro. Taylor's latest report of the work in Italy indicates considerable progress in one or another direction. Number of baptisms, 38; members, 372. While obstacles are great where Romanism has reigned for ages, and while our missionaries have many seasons of grief, they also have times of rejoicing. Wide seed-sowing is being done in Italy and the time of harvest will surely come. Bro. Eager says: "In looking back over the year, we feel that we have reason to thank God and take courage."

In spite of the war in Brazil, which greatly disturbed the work there, we have much for which we can praise God. Baptisms, 159; members, 519.

In Mexico a comparatively large force of missionaries, under the direction

of Bro. W. D. Powell, are earnestly at work. The year has been one of

great blessing on this field. These statistics are full of interest and encouragement:

Number of churches	
" out stations	14 277·
" " members	
" Sunday-schools	
" " scholars	375
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ome, parpoces	

Our Pagan Missions are located in Japan, Africa and China.

In Japan, Bro. McCollum (our McCollum), Mrs. McCollum and Bro. E. N. Walne and Mrs. Walne, with four native assistents, constitute our force in this great empire. The work was begun in 1889 One church and six stations. Baptisms, 9; members, 31 Bro. McCollum writes: "The seeds sown have hardly had time to bear fruit, but there is much in the work to encourage us. I ask you to say to the brethren of the South that we do not plead for houses for ourselves, nor for school buildings, nor even for church buildings; but we do plead for men—men to help us preach the gospel to nine million heathen at our very doors."

In Africa we have 9 missionaries, 7 assistants, 5 churches, 166 members, 24 baptisms; contributions \$123 50. Bro. Newton says: "The Lord is greatly blessing our work. To His name be all honor and praise. Pray for us that we may be full of the Spirit and power to succeed in saving souls."

The China Missions are divided into three: Northern, Central and Southern. Bro Pruitt, of Northern China, says: "God has blessed us and we give tbanks to his Holy Name." One has said of Central China. "We feel that God has not withheld His blessings from us." Of Southern China it may truly be said: "The Lord is with us—His cause is advancing." In the China Missions—churches, 13; baptisms. 222; membership, 1,068.

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Alabama Baptists contributed to Foreign Missions for the year ending April 30, 1894, \$7,847.68—a fraction over seven cents per member. In addition to the above, it is pleasant to note that Women's Mission Societies con-

tributed \$1,170.00.

In presenting this report to the Association, the following is offered in

conclusion:

As has been stated in so many of our recent Baptist assemblies, the most important of all questions connected with our Mission Work at home and abroad, is the question of "Ways and Means." How may we reach the rank and file of our membership so that every one may be induced to do something to advance the cause of our Redeemer among the nations of the earth? How may the over one hundred thousand of Baptists in Alabama be reached and caused to contribute to missions? This is the great problem, and to reach its solution may God's Spirit guide us in our deliberations.

W. C. Bledsoc:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The term Home Missions, we fear, is frequently misunderstood by many of our people. Quite a number of them have an idea that Home Missions means work done, or to be done, within the bounds of our own Associations, or at farthest in our own State.

This is not at all the meaning of Home Missions. The term, Home Missions. is contrasted with the term, Foreign Missions, and means missions within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and not in foreign lands.

The following are the features and fields of the work of the Home Mission

Board:

Foreign population, Indians, Negroes, cities, native white population, and

also work on the island of Cuba.

On these fields the Board has worked vigorously for many years. The Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. I. T. Tichenor is its Corresponding Secretary.

teach them by word these same truths. The Associations are asked to contribute funds so as to increase the permanent fund, and thus make it more efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. Jones, Chairman.

- 12. On motion to adopt the reports, Secretary Crumpton addressed the Association on the general subject of missions. He hung up his large "Missionary map of the world," and gave a most instructive and interesting talk. The reports were also discussed by Revs. W. A. Whittle, G. E. Brewer and J. D. Stodghill. At this point, by unanimous consent, a collection was taken to aid Eagle Creek Church in paying off her church debt; collection \$13.16.
- 13. Pending further discussion the Association adjourned to 1:30 p.m. Prayer by Rev. R. A. J. Cumbie.

WEDNESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

- 14. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Whittle.
- 15. The regular, order was taken up and discussion of the reports was continued and participated in by a number of brethren, after which piedges for next year's work were taken. (See close of minutes.)
 - 16. The reports were then adopted.
- 17. The report on Education was called for, but was not ready, and Rev. W. A. Whittle was requested to address the body on that subject, which he proceeded to do in a manner highly satisfactory to those who heard him. He requested special prayer for Howard College and the Moderator led the prayer.
 - 18. Adjourned to 9. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

- 19. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Foster and Rev. A. S. Smith.
 - 20. The report on Education was read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The interest in education is more general and intense than ever before. The demands to educate were never more imperative. The faculties for education are ample and increasing. One can hardly fail to educate without being culpable.

There is nothing that can take the place of Christian education. We are glad to report that most of our schools and colleges, whether they be fostered by church or State, are supplied with Christian teachers. The true idea of education is rapidly gaining ground. Great importance is being attached to the fact that man has a three-fold nature; physical, mental and moral, no part of which can be neglected in the process of true education.

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Owing to the principles of our government against which I have nothing to say, and the multiplicity of creeds in our country, religious instruction is hampered in the public schools of the cities, and in most institutions of learning fostered by the State. In these schools, many of which are most excellent in other respects, the Bible cannot be taught, and the Christian teacher is placed at a disadvantage, and the moral nature of the pupil suffers loss

In the opinion of your committee our denominational schools form a mighty bulwark to our creed, and constitute one of the greatest moral forces

in our Christian civilization. If we are not mistaken, we need a deep-seated revival of interest in denominational schools among our leaders in the State

of Alabama.

We desire to call special attention to Howard College at East Lake, Ala., and to the Judson Institute at Marion, Ala. These are our institutions, and should receive the patronage and hearty support of the Baptists of the State. It would be an easy matter to free these two colleges from debt, and endow them most handsomely, if the Baptists of the State were fully aronsed to their duty in the matter, and to an appreciation of the glorious consequences that would follow. These colleges are well manned, and are doing first-

class work.

Howard College enrolled one hundred and fifty two students last year, nineteen of whom were preachers. Tresident McGaba and his able, hardworking, self-sacrificing faculty have shown themselves worthy the confidence and hearty support of their brethren everywhere. Last year the Bible was adopted as a text book of the college. It was ably taught by the President, and the students came to manifest great interest in this study. At a meeting held at the college church all the boarding pupils, who were not then Christians, professed conversion, with one exception. The moral influence and religious teaching of the college had much to do, no doubt, in the accomplishment of so great a work. The College has in part adopted co-education. Young ladies are granted the privileges of the institution, beginning with the junior class and thence forward completing the course. Howard College has opened grandly this present year. The college began its work on the 25th day of September with one hundred and eight pupils present, twenty-eight more than matriculated on the first day of last session, and four more than had ever matriculated on the first day of any previous session. Up to date about 150 have entered this college. The outlook for the institution is indeed encouraging.

The Judson Institute enrolled last year one hundred and three students. As to the character of the work done it will compare favorably with that of any other school of like grade, in the South. The expenses of students attending upon this school are found to be reasonably low. President Averett is assisted by an efficient corps of teachers. The Judson has opened well this year and under the blessings of God there is every reason to expect a

successful session.

Let us give to the Judson Institute our daughters and to Howard College our sons, and to both our prayers, sympathy and financial support and we

will have accomplished a great work for God and humanity.

Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has grown to immense proportions. Last year about 268 preachers gathered there to study and enjoy the benefits which this institution offers. This seminary of learning is not for the purpose of making preachers, as some have supposed, but to help men to more knowledge and greater usefulness who are already preachers.

It is thought that not less than thirty of Alabama's preachers will attend school this year at Howard College and the Seminary at Louisville, most of whom will look to the State Board of Missions for help. While quite a number on the field, as the churches may enable them, will take Ander-

son's Correspondence Course.

The Baptist denomination has made wonderful strides educationally within the last quarter of a century. Let our march be upward; our watchword, Onward, and our motto, "Fidelity to God, truth and true education."

Respectfully submitted,
ARNOLD S. SMITH, Chairman.

21. On motion to adopt the report, the subject was discussed by Rev. G. P. Anderson, who presented an outline of his "System of Sermon Building," as applied to the needs of the preachers on the field, and by Rev. Jno. S. Shaffer; after which the report was adopted, as was also the following resolution:

Last year 381 Missionaries were engaged by the Board, and they delivered 34,024 sermons and addresses, and baptized 4,470 converts. The Board ex pended upon the field for Mission work \$54,809.83, and \$52,734.90 for church

building.

The Board has become possessed with considerable property. The assets

are:		3
First Church lot, New Orleans	\$ 4000	00
Valence Street Church and lot, New Orleans		
Key West Chapel		
Cuban Cemetery	5000	00
House of Worship, Havana		
Insurance Policy, Miss Snow	430	00

Total.....

The report of the Home Board reveals some facts worthy of special attention. 1. That our work amongst the Indians of the Indian Territory has there found closely approximates the conditions found amongst the work there found closely approximates the conditions found amongst the white people of the frontier. There are now in the Indian Territory 16 Associations, 301 churches and 13,844 church members, 2. That in our cities our Reputier cause is weaker. Perham Piohand Victoria in the conditions of the condition Baptist cause is weakest. Perhaps Richmond, Va., is the only city in the South where the Baptist churches have a larger membership than any other denomination. "In Baltimore, New Orleans, Washington and St. Louis, the four largest cities in the bounds of the Convention, the Baptist constitute a small minority of the population. Louisville is the only city of the first-class in the South where the Baptists are equal to other denominations. In cities of the next class, as Nashville, Memphis, Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta and Galveston, the numerical inferiority of our Baptist churches is in many of them painfully manifest.

3. The contributions of Alabama to the work of the Board last year,

amounted to \$4,275.77, and our own Association contributed \$439.15. The State of Georgia made the largest contribution, giving the liberal sum of \$12,164.80.

Respectfully,

GEO. L. BELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions—Missionary work in Alabama—is an important and large, department of our missionary work. We suppose that it includes the duty of supporting our Orphanage, care for our aged and infirm ministers of the gospel, ministerial education, church building in Alabama, Bible and Colportage work, and help given to feeble churches, as well as evangelistic and general missionary work

For the departments of work above mentioned, our last report from the Board of State Missions for Alabama, for eight months, reported \$7,402 87. More than this was expended in Alabama for the above purposes, but the Board could only report according to its knowledge of these expenditures.

It is a pity that our work cannot be more fully reported; it ought to be.

Dr. Geo. B. Eager, President of our Board of State Missions, in his last report, speaks of the work of the Board with words of cheer.

He compliments our Evangelists as having done good work in regions where there was crying need of their services. He refers to our Colporters and the Colportage work as having been exceptionally gratifying. He is persuaded that the consolidation of the old State Mission Board and the Bible and Colportage Board, and the removal of both offices to Montgomery, will give us a better future for the work in the State. It appears that our Board of State Missions is more disposed than formerly to appreciate the importance of evangelistic and missionary work in the country. We are glad to see this. The Board is now attaching much importance to the work of Missionary Colporters. They are right in this. Perhaps there is no department of our mission work in Alabama that gives more promise of good

results than this. More of this kind of work is being done in East Alabama than in any other portion of the State, and we expect good results from it.

We regard our State Mission work as very important. Not that we would underrate the importance of other departments of our Mission work, nor that we would neglect any of them in favor of State Missions; but, our, State Mission work tends to develop and organize the forces from which we

expect all other work.

If we neglect the drill and organization of our forces scattered over the broad field of the State, we ought not to be surprised if they should be awk-ward and unwieldy in battle.

We look for, and hope for, a more active campaign all over the State, in State Mission work, than we have had in many years, and the harvest must needs be very excellent to meet our expectations. We indulge the hope that our own Association will do her full share in this must important and hopeful field of work.

Respectfully and fraternally,

J. L. GREGORY, Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee regrets the want of data sufficient to make such a clear report of Bible and Colportage work as is desirable. It is well known, we suppose, that this work, as well as that of ministerial education, has been concentrated in the hands of one Board known as the "State Board of Missions," which has the general charge of all our State Mission work.

So far the work is as satisfactory as could have been expected with the means on hand and the general stringency of the times. The plan is to employ colporters who are also missionaries, and to give them in addition to the commission on the sale of books a small salary from mission funds. Nine such colporter-missionaries have been employed. Six of these are specially commended for good and faithful work, viz.: Brethren Caine in the Bethel Association, Parker in South Bethel, Weaver in Rock Mills, Bell in East Liberty, Register in Geneva, and Stewart in Columbia. The hope of the Board is to eventually have one in each Association.

The Board employs Bro. J. B. Collier as office secretary, where he has special charge of the book department. He is commended as an efficient officer. He reports:

Resources on hand	Nov. 1, 1893	32980	97
	churches		
	American Baptist Publication Society		95

Total		\$3287	4	4
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Leaving total resources	\$3193 40	0
After making proper deductions he shows present worth to	be\$2764 40	0
Total sales of department.	4313 24	4
Total expense	1145 83	5

The Sunday-schools are again urged to order their literature through the Board, as it makes some revenue, without additional cost to the school.

The report of the colporter of our own Association, Bro. Geo. L. Bell, is

not before us so as to incorporate its facts in this report, so we will have to refer you to his report for such information. His work, so far as he has been able to prosecute it, has been quite satisfactory, and his preaching has been blessed.

Brethren, this work of distributing the Word of God among the people, together with other healthful religious literature, broadening the knowledge of the people, and making them more familiar with the doctrines of Christ, is highly important and susceptible of doing much good. Its prospect for usefulness is enlarged when carried on by a living minister who can

Whereas. We have with pleasure heard explanations concerning the principles, methods and plans used by Rev. G. S. Anderson in the training of the pastors on the field; and,

Whereas, A goodly number of our churches have contributed scholarships

to the same; and,
Whereas, Ten of our pastors desire to avail themselves of the benefits of said instruction; and,

Whereas, As no other agency proposes to supply this want; and,

Whereas, Our ministry of East Alabama have, after due deliberation, ap. pointed a committee to supervise said course of training, and agreed to raise fifty scholar-hips for the correspondence course; therefore

Resolved. That we endorse the action of our ministers in the step taken. and that we recommend this work to our churches as one of the objects of

their benevolence.

22. On motion, the regular order was suspended and Bro. Whittle presented the claims of the Baptist Orphans' Home.

The report on Sunday-schools was read:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Of the thirty-three churches composing this association, twenty-eight report Sunday-schools. The churches report 3,471 members. The Sunday-schools report 1.529 pupils We estimate one half the pupils to be members of the church; so of the 3,471 members of this association, 765 engage in Sunday-school work, 2,706 are non Sunday-school workers. Of the number of pupils reported, many of them are irregular in attendance, and a number of the schools reported bibernate.

Your committee deems the Sunday-school work one of most vital interest to the cause of Christ, and believe it to be the duty of every true Baptist to

lend a belping hand to the work.

But the average church member evidently entertains a different view to the sentiment herein expressed, or is not awake to the duty enjoined by the

importance of the work.

We have some thriving and progressive schools in this association, which are doing a noble work, but the crying need of the Sunday-school cause at large is the want of efficient officers and teachers enthused with love for Christ and love for souls, who will carefully prepare the lessons and meet their classes regularly.

Your committee would recommend-

That this body raise a committee of three or five, which shall be known

as the Executive Committee of the Sunday-school work.

2. That a Sanday-school Teachers' Institute be appointed for the Friday before each fifth Sunday, to be held in connection with the Ministers' and Deacons' Institute.

3. That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Sundayschool work to arrange programs for these Institutes and secure speakers

for same, etc.

4. That this committee urge upon the superintendents and teachers of the various schools the importance of teachers' meetings for the purpose of lesson study, and to do whatever else they may deem advisable to foster the general interests of the Sunday-school work of this association.

5. That it shall be the duty of this committee to examine into the doctrinal and musical merits of the various song books for Sunday-school use; and secure, as far as possible, concert of action on the part of the schools in the use of their selections.

That this committee make annual reports on the Sunday-school work

and its needs to this association.

We also recommend that our Sunday-schools be requested to purchase the literature used through Bro. J. B. Collier, office Secretary of the State Board of Missions, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Stodghill, Chairman.

24. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Revs. A. S. Smith and J. R. Stodghill, and the last sentence as appears in the printed report above was inserted as an amendment. The "Executive Committee of Sunday-school Work" raised by the report was appointed by the Moderator, to-wit: Rev. A. S. Smith, Chairman; Rev. J. R Stodghill, Joseph H. Johnson, Geo. W. Shealey, J. B. Duke.

On motion, the report on Religious Literature was ordered to be sent to the Secretary for insertion in minutes, as it had not reached this session; provided, it shall be approved by the Executive Committee. (Report did not

reach Clerk in time for publication.)

26. The report on Temperance was read:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance is a cause which appeals to every good citizen, and more especially to every lover of good morals, good society, and the peace and prosperity of the church. For the evil of intemperance is one which teaches every phase of life, moral, social, political and religious.

"One of the greatest evils of modern civilization is the saloon. Drinking and drunkenness are bad enough; but an institution devoted to encouraging drinking habits and concentrating the evil effects of mebriety is much worse. Nations of other ages have been cursed and ruined by strong drink; what then shall the great States of to-day expect, when strong drink is made a source of public revenue, and when a licensed and powerful institution

is supported for the besotting of the people?

"'In the United States,' says the Voice, a careful and accurate authority, the consumption of beer has increased, since 1840, 1 675 per cent., of wine, 400 per cent., and of ordent spirits, over 200 per cent.'" "During the same "During the same period the population increased about 217 per cent." Such facts demonstrate the inefficiency of the common methods in use in fighting the sa-

"There is another standpoint from which to reckon the power of the saloon-that is, from the force engaged in the liquor traffic. In 1890, there were in the United States 1,466 rectifiers; 189,002 retail dealers; 4,416 wholesale dealers; 2,156 brewers; 107,798 retail dealers in malt liquors—a total of 308,535. This makes no account of 'whiskey drummers,' bar-tenders and other employes, who would probably nearly double the number. The total number of those engaged in this traffic must approach very near two per cent. of the entire adult population. The educational power of such a body of men is tremendous. In the two hundred thousand saloons of America, doubtless more than a million voters receive pernicious education every day in the year.

"The money value of the liquor consumed in the United States is put down at \$1,200,000,000. An army of 2,500 000 drunkards goes marching on to hell. Poverty and wretchedness follow in their train.

"The State and municipal tax on the sale of liquor for 1890 was about \$41,-272, 000. The number of dealers in liquor in the United States was 254,-

469 in 1891.

"2,000,600—the saloon must have the boys or shut up the shop. Can't you furnish it one? It is a great factory, and unless it can get about 2,000,-000 from each generation for raw material, some of these factories must close out and its operatives must be thrown on a cold world and public revenne will dwindle.

"One family out of every five must contribute a boy to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys will it be?
"The minotaur of Crete had to have a trireme full of fair maidens each year: but the minotaur of America demands a city full of boys each year. Are you a father? Have you given your share to keep up the supply of this great public institution that is helping to pay your taxes and kindly electing public officials for you? Have you contributed a boy? If not, some other family has had to contribute more than its share.

"There is an awful responsibility on the preachers of this country. are watchmen on the walls. When they see the sword coming they must sound the alarm.

"The sword has come. Where are the watchmen?

"The liquor power has the country by the throat. Political parties are in its grasp. Legislatures are under its control. Many times the judge upon the bench and the solicitor for the State are its servants; grand juries and sheriffs are often its faithful allies. In many towns and cities the Mayor and Council, with the police, are its aiders and abettors. It dictates candidates and elects them. It takes charge of the public schools in many places, and raises its brazen face as the friend to education. It flaunts its bloody banner defiantly in the face of temperance workers, and challenges them to do their worst

"It is intrenched behind statutes which make it the pet of the nation. With twenty namesupon a petition it can set up its infamous business in the midst of a thousand opposers. An army with millions of money to back it, it fights its battles in secret, using bribery and every corrupt means. It helps with its money to support the government, and is allowed in return, to rob the poor and ignorant, and debauch society. The country grows poorer and the liquor kings get richer. Where are the watchmen? What are they doing?

Of one thing, I am certain, they are not sounding the alarm. "It is seldom I hear this fearful liquor crime referred to. Occasionally the sin of drunkenness is held up, but never a word about drunkard makers; never a word about this State partnership with the still and the saloon; never a word about the awful sin of educating our children on blood money: never a word to show how the hideous mouster has entwined himself about the officers of the law, and is sucking the very life-blood of the nation; never a word to show that the money paid for the privilege is more than lost by the cost of courts and officers and prisons, to say nothing of property lost, characters lost, and souls lost.

"The drunkard, the liquor vendor, the man who rents his house for the bar, and the men who sign the petition are retained in the membership of the churches Where are the watchmen? If from every pulpit in the State the alarm was sounded and every phase of this devilism business was exposed, there would be such a stir created that the old monster would tremble on his throne. Let the tyrant fall! Men of Israel, help! We can bring him down. Will we do it? If we cannot, then the pulpit has lost its

power, and preachers are no longer reformers."

If the money that is paid out for liquor in the United States was appropriated to carrying out the great commission of our Lord, it would employ 1,200,000 men at \$1,000 each, one preacher to every 700 heathen. G.d will not hold us guiltless for such misuse of the money placed in our hands. Respectfully submitted

C. J. Burden, Chairman.

On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Rev. A. S. Smith, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That our pastors are requested to preach a special sermon on the evils of intemperance between now and January 1, 1895.

The report was then adopted.

27. The report of Executive Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:

According to instructions given to us at your last session, we employed Bro. Geo. L. Bell as our missionary colporter. We deemed it best and wisest to employ him in co-operation with the State Board of Missions, as we knew the fealty of your body to the organized State work. The report of Bro. Bell to us is as follows:

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DADEVILLE, ALA., O	ctober 4, 1894.
Dear Bro, Bledsoe;	
I enclose you summary of my work:	
Days of service	300
Miles traveled	4,200
Sermons delivered	
Addresses made	
Number of persons baptized	
Baptized by others in connection with my labor	64
Received by letter	15
Restored	4
RestoredSunday-schools addressed	12
Prayer meeting held.	16
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REPORT OF BOOK SALES.	* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Number of Bibles and Testaments sold	205
Donated Bibles and Testaments	52
Value of books, Bibles and Testaments	\$460 80
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Collected on the field in cash on salary Dadeville church	\$ 30 15
Beulah church	5 25
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Total	\$35 40
	GEO. L. BELL.
We think this is a good report, indeed, an excellent one,	and we very
earnestly recommend the continuance of Bro. Bell in the fie	Id we very
It is our sad duty to no e the death of one of our number-	Descon W L
Hood, of the LaFayette church. He has been called to high	
upper sanctuary. He was an earnest and consecrated servan	t of the Master.
and his loss is greatly deplored.	
No other duty of importance has been performed by us.	. ,
Respectfully submitted	
W.	C. BLEDSOE,
LUM DUKE,	Chairman.
Secretary.	

28. The report on Nominations read and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report: Rev. A. S. Smith to preach the Annual Sermon at the next session; Rev. J. L. Gregory, alternate.

The Executive Committee for next year to be composed of Rev. W. C. Bledsze, D. D., Chairman; Rev. C. J. Burden, Rev. J. P. Hunter, N. D. Denson, Lum Duke, J. T. Jones, W. B. Nichols.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. C. ROECK, LUKE TALBOT, W. G. JARRELL, Committee

29. Report on Deceased Ministers was not prepared, but was ordered sent to the Secretary for insertion in the minutes. Report as follows:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

(Failing to receive in time for printing the regular report, the Secretary substitutes the following from the pen of Rev. A. S. Smith, written shortly after the death of Bro. Moon.)

REV. DAVID S. MOON.

Rev. David S. Moon was born in Madison county, Georgia, November 16, 1819, and departed this life February 9, 1894. God honored him with long life, he being permitted to live to the ripe old age of seventy-five years. He was twice married—his last wife bearing him ten children, the wife and nine of whom survive him.

Bro. Moon was converted to Christ when but a child, and in a short time became a member of the Baptist church. Because of his piety and sobriety he was made a deacon of the Baptist church at Fredonia in 1848. Having felt impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel from the time of his conversion, he began to talk in public. In 1861 he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. At different times he was pastor of Milltown, High Pine, Shiloh and Daviston churches. At Daviston he was the efficient pastor for fifteen years, and built up a large membership. Bro. Moon had many souls to his ministry. He was instrumental in the hands of God in leading many souls to Jesus. He was deeply pious and spiritual, characterized by a beautiful humility and great fervency in prayer. For a number of years he was sorely afflicted, but God has called him to his reward and he now rests.

"Servant of God, well done; Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy."

30. The following are appointed for

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Roanoke—December, 1894.

2. Bethlehem-March, 1895.

3. Dadeville-June, 1895.

High Pine—September, 1895.

31. The report on State of Religion read and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Brethern:—We have made somewhat diligent inquiry among the brethern, and listened with attention to the reports from the churches, trying to gather from these sources some just idea of the religious condition of the churches and of the communities in which they are located. Our impressions lead us to the conclusion that as to many churches and communities the religious state is not such as to fill our hearts with joy, but rather such as to cause us real sorrow. The causes leading to this condition are not ob scare. Political turmoil that is always full of trial to all good citizens, does not leave unscathed even the children of God. So weak are most of us, and so forgetful of the source of our strength, that we often fail to be controlled by the spirit of gentleness and brotherly love. These things ought not to be so. The financial pressure of the past year is perhaps to be considered in this connection. It is strange to see the Lord's people yielding to such influences, and thereby drifting away from zealous and devoted service to him to whom they have pledged all they have or hope to have. Times like these ought to bring believers closer to God, and bring out in clearer colors the strong assurance of help in every time of need. Let us return to our work with the prayer that the coming associational year may be marked by a great outpouring of the Spirit of our God.

e Spirit of our God.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Brannan, Ch'n,

W. C. Roeck,

W. F. Abernathy,

Jno. T. Hester,

Committee,

32. The following named brethren were chosen to represent this association at the next session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, (Selma, November, 1895): Revs. J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, A. S. Smith, J. P. Hunter, G. L. Bell, A. S. Brannan, J. L. Gregory, C. J. Burden, W. T. Foster and Bro. Joseph H. Johnson.

Rev W. C. Bledsoe was elected as the delegate to the next session of

the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. John P. Shaffer, alternate.

34. The Finance Committee made report, which was adopted. Not having time to examine Treasurer's youchers, the same were turned over to the Executive Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we sincerely thank the church and community of Eagle Creek for their kind, cordial hospitality.

Resolved, That after deducting \$25 for his services, the Secretary have as many minutes printed and distributed to the churches as the funds sent up for that purpose may justify.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to continue Bro.

G. L. Bell as missionary colporter under the same conditions as heat pres-

ent labors.

Resolved, That when this association adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1894, with the Farmville church. Resolved, That a Standing Committee on the "Orphans' Home" be created

to make regular reports to this body. Resolved, That members of any of our churches who are in good standing, may represent this association as correspondents to any association they

may visit.

- 36. On motion, the association then adjourned to meet with Farmville church, Lee county, Ala, on Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1895; and while a hymn was sung the hand of parting was given.
 - 37. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.

JOHN P. SHAFFER, MODERATOR.

W. C. BLEDSOE, SECRETARY.

PLEDGES FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

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Bethel (C)	Milltown 40 00
Bethel (L) 20	00 Mt. Zion 5 00
Cusseta 150	00 New Hope 60 00
Centre 20	00 Providence 25 00
County Line 90	00 Pleasant Ridge 20 00
Camp Hill 65	00 Roanoke 150 00
Dadeville 150	00 Rock Spring (C) 50 00
Eagle Creek 20	
Farmville 40	00 Rock Mills 20 00
Five Points 20	00 Shiloh
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^{*} The Society of the LaFayette church spent \$150 for a new carpet for the church, in addition to this amount.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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Respectfully submitted, W. R. Dawson, Chairman.

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